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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/648/Add.1)*]

63/260. Development-related activities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of development-related activities and revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009[1] and the Development Account,[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of development-related activities and revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009[1] and the Development Account;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Acknowledges* that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security and well-being, and recognizes that development, peace and security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing;

4. *Stresses* the importance of a coherent vision of the Secretariat's role in the global development architecture;

5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to enhance the coordination of the United Nations development system with a view to ensuring greater synergies, effectiveness, efficiencies and coherence of efforts in the delivery of its social, economic and development mandates;

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[1] A/62/708.

[2] A/63/335.

[3] A/62/7/Add.40 (for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*) and A/63/479.

6. *Decides* to establish the posts as contained in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* that the posts for section 17, Economic and social development in Africa, section 18, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, section 19, Economic development in Europe, section 20, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and section 21, Economic and social development in Western Asia, shall be established effective 1 January 2009, and the posts for section 9, Economic and social affairs, section 10, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and section 12, Trade and development, shall be established effective 1 July 2009;

8. *Further decides* not to abolish the post of the Special Adviser on Africa at the level of Under-Secretary-General;

9. *Decides* not to approve the non-post resources for travel of staff, consultants and experts and contractual services, excluding the regional commissions;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013.

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Annex

Development-related activities: posts to be established under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Section and subprogramme	*Number of posts*	*Level*
9. Economic and social affairs		
Executive direction and management	1	1 P-5
1. Economic and Social Council support and coordination	1	1 P-4
2. Gender issues and advancement of women	5	1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3
3. Social policy and development	1	1 P-4
4. Sustainable development	1	1 P-4
5. Statistics	1	1 P-3
6. Population	1	1 P-4
9. Sustainable forest management	1	1 P-5
10. Financing for development	1	1 P-4
Subtotal	**13**	**3 P-5, 7 P-4, 3 P-3**
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States		
1. Least developed countries	1	1 P-4
2. Landlocked developing countries	1	1 P-4
3. Small island developing States	1	1 P-4
Subtotal	**3**	**3 P-4**
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development		
1. Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	3	1 P-4, 2 P-3
Subtotal	**3**	**1 P-4, 2 P-3**
12. Trade and development		
1. Globalization, interdependence and development	6	1 D-1, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3
2. Investment, enterprise and technology	2	1 P-5, 1 P-4
3. International trade	2	1 D-1, 1 P-4
5. Africa, least developed countries and special programmes	2	1 D-1, 1 P-4
Subtotal	**12**	**3 D-1, 2 P-5, 5 P-4, 2 P-3**
17. Economic and social development in Africa		
Executive direction and management	1	1 National Officer
7. Subregional activities for development	11	11 National Officer
9. Statistics	6	2 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3
Programme support	1	1 National Officer
Subtotal	**19**	**2 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 13 National Officer**

Section and subprogramme	*Number of posts*	*Level*
18. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific		
3. Subregional activities for development	11	2 D-1, 4 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 Local level, 1 National Officer
Subtotal	**11**	**2 D-1, 4 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 Local level, 1 National Officer**
19. Economic development in Europe		
Executive direction and management	1	1 P-4
3. Statistics	1	1 P-3
5. Sustainable energy	1	1 P-4
Programme support	1	1 P-3
Subtotal	**4**	**2 P-4, 2 P-3**
20. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean		
1. Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation	2	1 P-4, 1 P-3
2. Production and innovation	1	1 P-3
4. Social development and equity	1	1 P-3
5. Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development	2	1 P-5, 1 P-3
6. Population and development	1	1 P-3
8. Sustainable development and human settlements	3	1 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 P-2
9. Natural resources and infrastructure	4	1 P-4, 2 P-2, 1 Local level
10. Statistics and economic projections	1	1 P-3
11 Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America	3	1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 Local level
12. Subregional activities in the Caribbean	2	2 P-3
Subtotal	**20**	**2 P-5, 3 P-4, 10 P-3, 3 P-2, 2 Local level**
21. Economic and social development in Western Asia		
1. Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development	1	1 P-4
2. Integrated social policies	1	1 P-4
3. Economic development and integration	1	1 P-4
4. Information and communication technology for regional integration	2	1 P-5, 1 National Officer
5. Statistics for evidence-based policymaking	1	1 P-3
Subtotal	**6**	**1 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 National Officer**
Total	**91**	